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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A USER PROFILE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the consistency is guarded by changing the user profile in dependence on a manipulation of the corresponding shape (102).
8. (amended) A system (100) as claimed in claim 4, wherein the consistency guarding means (130) are arranged for causing the user profile maintenance means (110) to change the user profile in

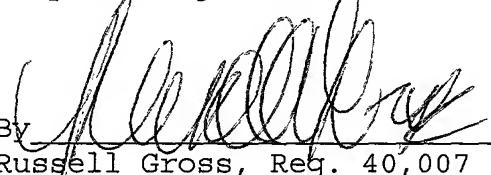
dependence on the visualization means (120) changing the corresponding shape (102).

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1~~or~~2, wherein the consistency is guarded by changing the user profile in dependence on a manipulation of the corresponding shape (102).

8. (amended) A system (100) as claimed in claim 4~~or~~5, wherein the consistency guarding means (130) are arranged for causing the user profile maintenance means (110) to change the user profile in dependence on the visualization means (120) changing the corresponding shape (102).

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